

LET US HAVE A CREAMERY.

Call for a Citizens' and Farmers' Meeting.

At a meeting of citizens of Meriden and vicinity held some time ago to consider the advisability of building a creamery at this place it was thought to be too late to undertake the work the present season, and too early to begin for the next season, and the meeting adjourned without doing anything to advance the project. It is now thought best to call another meeting and take such initiatory steps as may be deemed expedient to secure the final success of the enterprise. This is a question in which the people of both town and country should be deeply interested. Very few farmers have the conveniences necessary to make first class butter in hot weather; and even those who are best prepared and most successful, are working at a disadvantage, and with the very best results their butter does not bring the price in the market that is readily obtained for creamery butter. Even though it may be of unexceptionable quality the fact that it goes into the market as country butter places it at a discount in competition with that manufactured at the established creameries. Then again it is estimated that, with the improved machinery now in use, about one third more butter may be made from the same milk than by the old process. This gain in quantity as well as the realization of uniformly better prices for creamery butter make it highly important to the farmer to encourage an enterprise of this kind.

During the heated season also the milk may be manufactured into cheese, and, at any time either product may be produced for which there is the best demand and the most remunerative price. It is sometimes said that the western cheese is not equal to that manufactured in the old dairy districts of the east, and that it cannot be profitably sold. It is unnecessary to offer any extended argument to refute this absurd proposition. The fact that cheese manufactured in the west from skimmed milk will not compete in the markets with the best New York full cream cheese, is no reason why a Kansas full cream cheese, if manufactured would not do so successfully. It would be unreasonable to expect an inferior product of any kind to command a superior price, and the fact that it has not done so is no reason why a good article manufactured here would not bring as good a price as an article of the same grade manufactured in the east. It may be said that eastern factories have an established reputation that always secures them good prices and a ready sale. That is undoubtedly true, and it is unquestionably true also, that they did not establish their reputation by making skimmed milk cheese; and the principle reason why western factories have failed to successfully compete with those in the east is because they have undertaken to make butter and cheese both from the same milk. While this policy is pursued they may make good butter, but they cannot make good cheese, and it would be folly to expect good prices for it. There is no reason, however, why a good article cannot be manufac-

tured here as any place on this green earth, provided the same methods be employed as the experience of eastern factories has demonstrated most practicable and most profitable. It always pays best to produce the best products; and in order to achieve the greatest success it is essential that the latest and most approved methods be adopted. That this is a subject in which the entire farming community are deeply interested there can be no manner of doubt.

But business men as well as farmers are deeply interested in this enterprise. It is doubtful if any merchant doing business in this or any other small town realizes as much for the butter he buys from the farmers during the heated season, as it costs him. If he does do so he must have a better place to store it than most of them have, and he must not place a high estimate upon his labor in handling, re-working, packing and shipping. The establishment of a creamery then would result in a gain of one-third in the quantity of the product and an increase in the price to the farmer, and would likewise obviate the necessity of handling of country butter by the merchant. The superior quality of the butter and cheese, and the facilities for storing and preserving the same indefinitely, would always insure the most profitable returns.

In view of the prospective advantages to all parties as well as the additional advantage to result to the town and the community from the establishment of any new industry, the citizens and business men of Meriden unite in a call for a meeting to be held at Gardner's hall on Thursday evening Sept. 12th. 1889 to effect an organization and make such preliminary arrangements as may be deemed necessary for the future success of the enterprise. Let farmers and business men all attend this meeting, and give the project the encouragement which its importance demands.

A lawyer in cross-examining a witness, asked him, among other questions, where he was on a particular day, to which he replied: "In company with two friends." "Friends," exclaimed the lawyer; "two thieves I suppose you mean." "They may be so," replied the witness, "for they are both lawyers."—N. Y. Ledger.

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